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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A system for providing an interactive collaborative display in an educational environment, the system comprising:

a processing unit;

a data storage unit, operable for storing a plurality of instructions for the processing unit;

and

a large format collaboration display, wherein the large format collaboration display is configured to: may

display a plurality of documents, [[and]]

accept simultaneous input from a plurality of users in at least one of the plurality of documents, and

support multiple customizable cursors representing interaction of the plurality of users each of the plurality of users having each of the multiple customizable cursors.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the large format collaborative display comprises a resistive touch screen overlay for receiving input signals from the plurality of users.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the large format collaboration display is a high definition plasma display.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the large format collaboration display is selected from a list consisting essentially of a liquid crystal display (LCD) and a cathode ray tube (CRT) display.

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5. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein the large format collaboration display comprises:

- a resizable display area;
- a resizable real-time communications area for monitoring communications with other students at remote locations;
- a resizable collaboration area for sharing documents with other users.

6. (Original) The system of claim 3, further comprising a plurality of input devices for simultaneous inputting signals from a plurality of users, wherein each input device comprises an identifying indicia for identifying the user associated with the particular input device.

7. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a communications unit, operable for transmitting and receiving content over a distributed network.

8. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of educational application programs supporting educational standards selected from the list consisting essentially of K-12 Extensible Markup Language (XML) schema and the Instructional Management Systems (IMS) schema.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for sharing information between a plurality of users through a large format collaborative display, the method comprising:

- registering at least one user;
- receiving at least one input signal from the registered user, wherein the input signal comprises a customizable cursor representing each of the at least one user;
- displaying at least one document in the large format collaborative display in response to an input signal from the registered user;
- associating at least one input device with each registered user;
- receiving an input signal through at least one input device in contact with a resistive touch screen overlay placed on the large format collaborative display;

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storing the input signal in the document and associating the stored input signals with the registered user; and

sharing the stored document with at least one other user.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising:
displaying a video image of the user in at least a portion of the large format collaborative display.

11. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising displaying the document in real time at another large format collaborative display at a remote location over a distributed network.

12. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising displaying the video image of the registered user in at least a portion of the large format collaborative displays located at the remote sites in real-time.

13. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the large format collaboration display comprises:

a resizable display area;

a resizable real-time communications area for monitoring communications with other students at remote locations;

a resizable collaboration area for sharing documents with other users.

14. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the large format collaborative display is a high definition plasma display.

15. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the large format collaborative display is selected from a list consisting essentially of a liquid crystal display (LCD) and a cathode ray tube (CRT) display.

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16. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the multiple customizable cursors comprise cursors selected from a library.

17. (New) The system of claim 16, wherein the cursors selected from a library comprises cursors of various colors.

18. (New) The system of claim 16, wherein the cursors selected from a library comprise various symbols.

19. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein the multiple customizable cursors are created in any application that is capable of exporting at least one of the following image formats:

- graphical interchange format (GIF);
- joint photographic experts group (JPEG);
- portable network graphics (PNG), and
- bitmap (BMP) file formats.

20. (New) The system of claim 1, the selection of the multiple customizable cursor occurs during a first time a user registers with the system and becomes part of the user's profile information.